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Amendments To The Specification:

In the English translation document, please delete the term --Description-- at page 1 line 1, before the title.

In the English translation document, please add the section heading and paragraph at page 1 line 6, after the title, as follows:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is the US National Stage of International Application No. PCT/EP2004/051192, filed June 22, 2004 and claims the benefit thereof. The International Application claims the benefits of German application No. 10328620.9 DE filed June 25, 2003, both of the applications are incorporated by reference herein in their entirety.--

In the English translation document, please add the section heading page 1 line 6, after the newly added CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS section, as follows:

--FIELD OF INVENTION--

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 1 line 10, as follows:

--BACKGROUND OF INVENTION--

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 3 line 18, as follows

--SUMMARY OF INVENTION--

In the English translation document, please amend the paragraphs at page 3 lines 18-33 through page 4 lines 1-2, as follows:

AnThe object of the present invention is to improve the manner in which a routing path is found in a network node of a packet-switching communication network.

This object is achieved by a method and a network node with the features of claim 1 and by a network node with the features of claim 5the independent claims.

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By using at least two or more path search methods to a network node or destination system of the communication network it is possible to combine different path search strategies, tailored in an optimum manner to the network topology, at the same time as "path search building blocks" in a network node or network. This has the advantage of allowing routing path management that is optimally tailored to the topology. Also the limitations of a generally good path search method can be compensated for by combining it with a specific path search method.

Advantageous developments of the invention are specified in the subclaimsdependent claims.

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 4 line 15, as follows:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 4 line 26, as follows:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF INVENTION--